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TOPIC Military Information from Weissenfels, Saalfeld and Rudolstadt 25X1

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Weissenfels

1. On 26 and 30 August 1951, the Panzer Kaserne on the south side of Selauer Strasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 97), was only partly occupied. The only troops noticed were the gate guards and 10 other soldiers who were engaged in off duty activities.

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2. The Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauer Strasse was also only partly occupied on 26 August. Seven officers and 40 EM were playing soccer in the billeting area. *

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Saalfeld

3. Between 21 July and 20 August, the Infanterie Kaserne in Saalfeld (M 51/J 53) was occupied by only a guard detail of about 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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Rudolstadt.

4. Between 21 July and 30 August, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54) quartered about 100 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and about 80 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets. A total of 120 soldiers with epaulets of both types were engaged in routine duties on 13 August.

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5. The Flak Kaserne is occupied by a rear unit of about 50 soldiers. However, the number of troops was difficult to estimate because of the motor transport school, previously reported to be located in the installation, and the affiliation of its troops with the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. Guard duty was performed exclusively by soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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6. The Alte Kaserne was occupied by only a small unit of about 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

7. About 40 officers and EM with black-bordered crimson epaulets were billeted in Villa Richter housing the Soviet komendantura. **

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 Comment. The barracks installations in Weissenfels have been periodically reported by several sources as having been only partially occupied since May 1951.  the present report, also indicates that the 17th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the installations were still absent from the post by the end of August 1951. An Eisenach-bound shipment consigned to the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt confirmed the regiment at the Kandel troop training grounds until the middle of August 1951. Most of the division has been assumed to have been there since May 1951.

**  Comment. The information indicates that the components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Saalfeld and Rudolstadt were still away from the posts at the end of August 1951.

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